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KROHN ORCHID HOUSE TO EXPAND FUNDING FROM THE H.G., H. F. & L. T. DORNETTE FOUNDATION

WHO: Cincinnati Park Board's Krohn Conservatory / Dornette Foundation

WHAT: The Cincinnati Park Board's Krohn Conservatory orchid collection is expanding due to the generosity of the Dornette Foundation. The Foundation is funding a \$250,000 expansion project that will almost double the area of the current exhibit, increase the size of the current 1,200 orchid collection, and diversify the collection to include carnivorous plants. The carnivorous collection will be the only public display of its kind in the region.

The expansion of Krohn Conservatory's orchid house will replace the current static 'window display' exhibit with a walkway to guide Krohn visitors through the orchid collection. Additionally, the project will include a replicated display habitat of trees, rocks, and, a cascading water pool. New visitor interpretive video and resource materials along with signs will also be included in the exhibit's features. Krohn Conservatory is among only a few conservatories and botanical gardens in the country participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's orchids rescue program, receiving orchids confiscated at the U.S. border.

The gift for the new orchid house is made possible by the generosity of the late Helen Dornette who created the Dornette Foundation. Fifth Third Bank manages and serves as co-trustee of H.G., H. F. and L.T. Dornette Foundation.

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